(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) प्रशासनिक औपचारिकताओं के पूरा होते ही नियुक्ति के प्रस्ताव भेजे जाएंगे।

(च) 20 पद, जिनमें से 4 पद 1981 से और 16 पद 1983 से रिक्त हैं।

Opening of Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

693. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of telephone exchanges functioning at present in Bihar ;

(b) what is the number of telephone exchanges which have been converted into electronic exchanges;

(c) by when all the remaining telephone exchanges in Bihar are likely to be converted into electronic ones ;

(d) whether Government propose to open more telephone exchanges in Bihar; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. B. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) 515 as on 31-3-92.

(b) 315 up to 31-3-92.

(c) By 31-3-97 remaining telephone ex changes are likely to be converted into electronic exchanges.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Fifty number of exchanges per year are proposed to be opened provided there is demand. The name of stations will be decided as and when demand arises.

Function of Ballabgarh Telephone Exchange

694. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ballabgarh Telephone Exchange located in Sector 6 of Faridabad, is not functioning properly with a large number of telephone connections remaining out of order frequently and no action is taken by the authorities to mitigate grievances of the telephone subscribers falling in the jurisdiction of this exchange ;

(b) if so, what concrete steps are proposed by Government to ensure smooth and efficient working of this telephone exchange ;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to convert this telephone exchange into Electronic one's to improve its working ; and

(d) if so, what is the progress in this direction, so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Performance of the exchange is quite satisfactory. However, constant efforts are being made to further improve the efficiency of the Ballabgarh exchange.

(c) There is no proposal to replace the exchange at present. However, 2-K(RLU) of electronic exchange Faridabad is planned during 1992-93 as expansion of this exchange.

(d) As given in answer to part(c) above.

Extension of Licences of M.T.N.L. of Delhi and Bombay

695. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether lincences given to the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi and Bombay are being extended;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the functioning of these Nigams ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the telephone system in other major cities into Mahanagar Telephone Nigams ?